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General Orders by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

The 18th July 1887.

"No. 348.—The following extracts from the London Gazette, dated 10th June 1887, are republished :—

Royal Engineers.

The following Captains to be Majors, to complete establishment :—

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Charles Henry Maurice Kensington, *vice* E. Stephens promoted, dated 31st December 1886."

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M. C. FARRINGTON,
Brigadier-General, Adjutant General.

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

The 23rd June 1887.

Tenders are hereby invited for the right to collect cardamoms and pepper, the produce of the undermentioned Ghat Forests and Plantations in the Manjarabad Taluk of the Hassan District, on a lease for a period of 10 years, *viz.* from official year 1887—88 to 1896—97 inclusive.

1. Bisle Ghat Forest including Bidurada Udve.
2. Kaganire Ghat Forest.
3. Kemphole and Kenchankumari Forests.
4. Kabbinale and Malegadde Forests.
5. Nadathoppalu Plantation.

2. Tenders to be superscribed " Tenders for the lease of Cardamoms and Pepper of the Ghat Forests and Plantations " and be sent to the Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District at Hassan so as to reach him on or before the 10th August 1887. The tenders will be opened at the Deputy Commissioner's office by the Deputy Commissioner or Forest officer of the District during office hours on the 10th August 1887 in the presence of the applicants, who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will rest with the Inspector General of Forests and Plantations in Mysore, who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

3. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 in cash or in currency notes. The deposits made by the applicants, whose tenders are rejected, will be returned to them in due course.

4. The applicant whose tender may be finally accepted by the Inspector General of Forests and Plantations, shall, within 15 days of the acceptance of his tender being communicated to him, deposit with the Deputy Commissioner a further sum in cash or currency notes to make up with the deposit previously made a sum equal to one-tenth of the amount of lease and shall execute an agreement on proper stamp, binding himself to conform to the conditions hereinafter set forth and if he fails or refuses to sign the agreement or to make the deposit required, the deposit already made will be forfeited to Government and the lease otherwise disposed of.

5. The lease for which tenders are now invited shall be subject to the following conditions :—

I. The amount of the lease shall be payable to Government in ten equal yearly instalments in the month of August, *i. e.* before gathering the crop of the season. Should the lessee fail to do so, the lease will be cancelled and the forest or plantation leased out resumed by Government. The deposits made by the lessee will be forfeited to Government.

II. On the expiration of the lease, the option of its renewal on such terms as may on due consideration be fixed by Government, will be given to the lessee for such further period as may be decided on in respect of such lease.

III. Leases being made solely for the collection and propagation of cardamoms and pepper, no crop of any other description will be cultivated in the forest leased out. It is not however intended that plantain, castor-oil or other trees necessary for the shelter or shade of cardamom plants and pepper vines should not be grown.